

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, paragraph [0070], please amend as follows:

It has surprisingly been found that lower levels of manganese result in a high toughness and an improved fatigue crack growth resistance specifically in areas where the toughness and fatigue crack growth resistance under tensile load are critical. Surprisingly, the alloy of the instant invention in the T3 temper, more specifically in the T351 temper, has a significant improved toughness by lowering the amount of manganese. Furthermore, it has been found that by increasing the amount of Si it is possible to achieve strength levels comparable with strength levels of conventional AA2x24 alloys. Furthermore, it has been found that by increasing the Si content and improved FCGR performance is being obtained. The Si content is increased to levels above those used in current aerospace grade materials, viz. typically <0.10, and preferably <0.07 wt.%.